

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claims 9 through 20, as follows:

1 9. A video system having a mode of operation for generating output signals having
2 video components and a standby mode of operation wherein said output signals are not generated,
3 said system comprising:

4 a microcomputer responding to input signals selectively input from a keyboard and
5 a remote control receiver by controlling display of video images corresponding to said video
6 component through generation of a control output for a period of time defined by a first input of
7 lock key data followed by a secret code and a second input of said lock key data followed by a said
8 secret code;

9 a video signal processor receiving and processing a first video signal;

10 a character generating circuit responding to character data output from said
11 microcomputer by generating a second video signal;

12 a mixer generating said video component by mixing said first video signal and said
13 second video signal; and

14 a video mute circuit responding to said control output by preventing said first video
15 signal from being output to said mixer.

1 10. The video system of claim 9, further comprised of said microcomputer
2 terminating transmission of said control output upon expiration of said period of time.

1 11. The video system of claim 9, further comprised of said microcomputer
2 responding to a determination that lock key data has been input from said keyboard or said remote
3 control when said system is in said standby mode, by controlling said character generating circuit
4 to display a corresponding message on a video screen prompting a user of said system to input a
5 secret code one character at a time.

1 12. The video system of claim 11, further comprised of said character generating
2 circuit changing said displayed prompt message seriatim to correspond to display corresponding
3 characters in a sequence of said secret code input by the user.

1 13. The video system of claim 9, further comprising:
2 said microcomputer making a determination of whether said system is in a locked
3 state after completion of input of said secret code;
4 said microcomputer generating said control output when said determination indicates
5 that said system is not in said locked state; and
6 said microcomputer making a comparison of said secret code to an earlier code
7 previously stored when said determination indicates that said system is in said locked state and, when
8 said comparison establishes a match between said secret code and said earlier code, terminating
9 generation of said control output.

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1 14. The video system of claim 13, further comprised of said microcomputer
2 memorizing said secret code when said determination establishes that said system is not in said
3 locked state.

1 15. A video system having a mode of operation for generating output signals having
2 audio components and video components and a standby mode of operation wherein said output
3 signals are not generated, said system comprising:

4 a microcomputer responding to input signals selectively input from a keyboard and
5 a remote control receiver by controlling broadcast of audio sounds corresponding to said audio
6 components through generation of a control output for a period of time defined by a first input of
7 lock key data followed by a secret code and a second input of said lock key data followed by a said
8 secret code;

9 a video signal processor receiving and processing a first video signal;

10 an audio processor generating said audio components;

11 a character generating circuit responding to character data output from said
12 microcomputer by generating a second video signal;

13 a mixer generating said video component by mixing said first video signal and said
14 second video signal; and

15 an audio mute circuit responding to said control output by muting said audio sounds.

1 16. The video system of claim 15, further comprised of said microcomputer

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terminating transmission of said control output upon expiration of said period of time.

17. The video system of claim 15, further comprised of said microcomputer responding to a determination that lock key data has been input from said keyboard or said remote control when said system is in said standby mode, by controlling said character generating circuit to display a corresponding message on a video screen prompting a user of said system to input a secret code one character at a time.

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18. The video system of claim 17, further comprised of said character generating circuit changing said displayed prompt message seriatim to correspond to display corresponding characters in a sequence of said secret code input by the user.

19. The video system of claim 15, further comprising:

said microcomputer making a determination of whether said system is in a locked state after completion of input of said secret code;

said microcomputer generating said control output when said determination indicates that said system is not in said locked state; and

said microcomputer making a comparison of said secret code to an earlier code previously stored when said determination indicates that said system is in said locked state and, when said comparison establishes a match between said secret code and said earlier code, terminating generation of said control output.

1 20. A process for operating a video system, comprising:

2 making a subjective evaluation of content portrayed by a first video signal to be
3 transmitted for reception by a video display apparatus exhibiting a system power standby mode of
4 operation and a second mode of operation providing varying visual images corresponding to said
5 first video signal;

6 during said system power standby mode of operation, selectively generating a
7 blocking code in dependence upon said evaluation; and

8 responding to said blocking code by blocking transmission of said first video signal
9 to said video display apparatus.

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